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ADJOURNMENT MOTION ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ON THE SPUR TANK SITE.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Sir, under S.O. No. 20, I beg to move the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the recent collection of building materials by the Government on the bed of the Spur Tank for the construction of a tuberculosis hospital in spite of the protests of the public of the locality and the Corporation of Madras and in spite of the requests of the Corporation of Madras and the South Indian Railway Company for a slice of land for siding purposes."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I find that this site was selected before 1925 and that there was a vote of this House in 1925, regarding the scheme. And I also find that the printed Civil Budget Estimates for 1928–29 mention that the Government Order regarding the construction of the tuberculosis hospital on the Spur Tank site was passed in February 1928. So, how is it a matter of recent occurrence ? "

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" The proposal has been there to construct a hospital, but the site was not selected."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Why should you say it is a *proposal* ? The Government Order says that the hospital is to be constructed on the Spur Tank site."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" On the Spur Tank bed. There were various proposals for that; first it was to be on the Marina and then various other places were suggested, and there has been a constant discussion on the subject."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" This is what I find : 'North Presidency—Construction of a Tuberculosis hospital on the Spur Tank site—G.O. No. 521 W., dated 21st February 1928 ' " (Civil Works Budget, 1928–29).

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" The urgency comes owing to the collection of the materials."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Not at all ; the motion is not at all in order."

ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* PERSECUTION OF CONGRESS WORKERS IN VELLORE TALUK, NORTH ARCOT DISTRICT.

* Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Sir, under S.O. No. 20, I beg permission to move the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, to draw the attention of Government to the recent conduct of the Police in the North Arcot district in persecuting Congress workers in the taluk of Vellore, North Arcot district."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I wish to know when the Police began the persecution ? "

* Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" For the past some weeks this has been going on and case after case is being put up taking advantage of the fact that the Congress workers are under a vow not to defend themselves."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I want to know when the prosecutions were launched by the Police ? "